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May 12, 2004

Paul Morabito, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
Attn: ✓ Sue Corbaley
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Friends of the Dunes Land Trust /Poovey property

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in support of the effort to acquire two parcels of land (Poovey property) located on the North spit of Humboldt Bay. I understand that the proposed property will be placed into trust for the purpose of providing managed public access and will prohibit subdivision and probable housing development.

The Friends of the Dunes (FOD) has demonstrated its commitment to conserving coastal properties on the North coast of California. FOD has more than twenty years experience in coastal land conservation. I am pleased to learn that the Coastal Conservancy is working with the Friends of the Dunes on this project.

Acquisition of the property will substantially contribute to the conservation of intact habitats on the North spit of Humboldt Bay and provide opportunities for cooperative stewardship of adjacent properties currently managed by the Manila Community Services District.

Sincerely,


WESLEY CHESBRO
Senator, Second District

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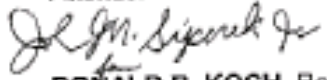
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M e m o r a n d u m

To: Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94105-2219

Date: April 5, 2004

Attention Ms. Susan Corbaley


From: **DONALD B. KOCH**, Regional Manager
Northern California-North Coast Region
Department of Fish and Game
601 Locust Street
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Acquisition of the Poovey Property, Manila (North Spit Humboldt Bay)

The Department of Fish and Game supports the acquisition of the Poovey properties which are located on the North Spit of Humboldt Bay. It is anticipated that The Friends of the Dunes Land Trust will hold fee title to the property. These parcels contain important remnants of a much larger coastal maritime forest and dune complex which once existed along the north coast of California.

Current threats to these properties include unauthorized and unregulated public use in the form of transient camps, off-road vehicles, and illegal dumping as well as nonnative plant invasives.

Intended management of the area would provide for managing public access and use as well as long term habitat restoration. This concept would complement the use of adjacent lands with comparable habitat and similar land management (e.g., Manila Community Services District) which The Friends of the Dunes have been actively involved with. From a comprehensive standpoint, this acquisition is strategically connected with other public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who share similar habitat management and public access objectives around the North Spit and Humboldt Bay.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Senior Biologist Supervisor Karen Kovacs at (707) 441-5789 or E-mail kkovacs@dfg.ca.gov.

cc: Mr. Bill Weaver
Friends of the Dunes
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Arcata, CA 95518-0168

Ms. Karen Kovacs
Department of Fish and Game
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REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 1054, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95502



May 24, 2004

California Coastal Commission
Paul Morabito, Chairman
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Susan Corbaley

RE: Acquisition of the Poovey Property, Manila CA by the Friends of the Dunes
Land Trust

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing on behalf of Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS), a local chapter of the National Audubon Society with nearly 600 members in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, to support acquisition of 108 acres on the north spit of Humboldt Bay by the Friends of the Dunes Land Trust.

RRAS has a primary interest in conserving bird habitat. The north spit is a first landfall for some of the area's most exciting birds. The dune-willow hollows are a prime place for passerine migrants. A secondary focus of our nonprofit organization is promoting environmental education.

The Land Trust has informed us that the owner is willing to sell the property, which is characterized by maritime forest, wetlands, parabolic dunes, and dune mat habitat. The property would be used to provide managed public access to the Bay as well as interpretation and research opportunities. Such uses would be consistent with those of public entities (USFWS, BLM, Manila Community Services District) who own land adjoining and north of the Poovey property.

Thank you for giving RRAS the opportunity to voice its enthusiastic support for this project.

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Sue Leskiw, Secretary, RRAS

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

Cc: Lisa D. Hoover, Friends of the Dunes, Land Trust

A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

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California Native Plant Society

North Coast Chapter
P.O. Box 1067
Arcata, CA 95518
May 13, 2004

California Coastal Conservancy
Paul Morabito, Chair
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Susan Corbaley

Re: Support for Friends of the Dunes Land Trust grant, Humboldt County

CNPS is a statewide nonprofit organization of nearly 10,000 amateurs and professionals dedicated to the preservation of California's diverse flora. CNPS conducts a variety of conservation efforts focused on long-term protection and preservation of native flora in its natural habitat. The North Coast Chapter represents over 300 members in Del Norte, Humboldt, and Trinity, and western Siskiyou Counties.

As president of the North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), I am writing this letter to express support for proposed funding for the Friends of the Dunes Land Trust to purchase 108 acres of coastal property on the North Spit of Humboldt Bay in Humboldt County.

The 108-acre parcel is characterized by various unique habitats, including freshwater wetlands, maritime forest, active dunes, and dune mat, a rare vegetation type that harbors three rare plant species (Humboldt Bay wallflower, beach layia, and pink sand verbenia). The dune mat habitat of the North Spit is a diminishing vegetation type that is threatened by invasive exotic plants, development, and off-highway vehicle recreation in many parts of the state.

The North Spit of Humboldt Bay is unique in that much of the area is protected and actively managed for natural resource and recreational values by cooperating agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management, the Manila Community Services District, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The Friends of the Dunes has been a crucial member of this cooperative effort for many years through their educational and weed management activities, and we are confident that they will be as successful in their role as a local land trust.



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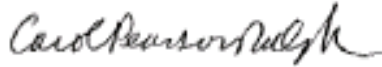
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The acquisition of this property will add to the connectivity between adjacent open space, and is essential to the restoration efforts on adjacent lands. In addition to protecting the rare dune mat habitat and other unique vegetation types, the addition of this parcel to the areas currently managed for natural resource values will support important long-term restoration efforts. The Friends of the Dunes has identified this parcel as of particular value in conserving coastal properties adjacent to lands already under protection. We hope that you will agree in our assessment of the value of this property and of the Friends of the Dunes as a suitable organization to own and manage the property for public access, research, interpretation, and natural resources values.

Sincerely,



Carol Ralph, President
North Coast Chapter

cc: Lisa Hoover, Friends of the Dunes Land Trust

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MANILA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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June 20, 2003
MCSD #06-028

Lisa Hoover, Chairperson
Friends of the Dunes
P O Box 188
Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Ms. Hoover,

This letter is to indicate our support of Friends of the Dunes Land Trust in the acquisition and ownership of the Lundblade/Poovey parcel south of Manila's dunes property. MCSD and Friends have worked in a cooperative relationship for many years in the management and docent program of Manila Dunes. We look forward to continued planning and interpretive work together when the adjoining parcels are both managed for public use.

In the event that FOD is not interested in ownership, then MCSD would like to make known its intention to purchase the Lundblade/Poovey property.

Sincerely,
Manila Community Services District

Linda Lee
President

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From-NORTHCOAST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

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the Northcoast Environmental Center

May 17, 2004

California Coastal Conservancy
Paul Morabito, Chairman
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Via fax, (510) 286-3840

Attn: Susar Corbaley

RE: Acquisition of the Poovey Property, Manila CA by the Friends of the Dunes
Land Trust

Gentlepersons,

This is a letter of support for the Friends of the Dunes Land Trust's [FOD] proposal to acquire 108 acres of coastal habitat from a willing seller on the north spit of Humboldt Bay. The Northcoast Environmental Center [NEC] board of directors adopted a resolution in support of this acquisition in April.

The acreage in question supports one of the only two remaining undeveloped tracts of rare maritime forest and freshwater wetlands in private hands near the bay, as well as a population of the federally listed endangered plant, beach layia.

Acquisition and protection of the property by FOD is consistent with planning efforts for the Humboldt Beach and Dunes area and those of other public entities including Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Manila Community Services District that own properties to the north of these.

The NEC has been much involved in coastal protection efforts here on the Klamath Coast during its 34-year history, and applauds the long-standing commitment and participation of FOD in education and restoration in our area.

Please give the FOD your every consideration to support this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Tim McKay, Executive Director

CC: Lisa E. Hoover, Friends of the Dunes, Land Trust
Senator Wes Chesbro
Assemblymember Patty Berg

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